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For (Title): STEPPING MOTOR, STEPPING MOTOR DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOFBy (Inventors): Naotaka AKIWA

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 9 sheets) are attached.
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☒ This patent application is assigned to MINEBEA CO., LTD.
☒ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
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☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
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☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-398523 filed December 27, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
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